

**Immaculate Conception Church
Palmer Road
Our Lady of Assumption Mission
Miminegash**

Parish Mission Statement

We are called as God's people to love, serve, grow in faith and journey with all walks of life"

Bulletin for August 16-23, 2020

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Office hours: Monday & Thursday 9:30 am - 5 pm

Sunday Collection:

August 9, 2020: \$1,572.00

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Knowing about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees helps us to understand today's Gospel. In fact the story heightens the surprise and shock we feel as we hear Jesus' exchange with the Canaanite woman. The woman, who is not Jewish, approaches Jesus, requesting that he heal her demon-possessed daughter. At first Jesus ignores her; he says nothing. The disciples ask Jesus to send her away, and Jesus agrees, remarking that he was sent to minister to the Jews alone.

The woman persists, paying homage to Jesus, and yet Jesus denies her request again. He even insults her, using a Jewish word of derision for Gentiles, "dog." But the woman cleverly turns Jesus' insult into an affirmation of faith. Only then does Jesus grant her request and heal her daughter.

Jesus' unresponsiveness to this woman may strike us as uncharacteristic or shocking. Yet in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is directed primarily to the people of Israel. At only a very few points, such as the one found in today's Gospel, do we find Jesus anticipating the later Christian ministry to the rest of the world.

The faith that the Canaanite woman expresses is an affirmation of and confidence in God's abundant mercy. (Loyola Press)

Mass During COVID-19

We have weekday Mass at 9 a.m. Monday - Thursday at Palmer Road (even if there is a funeral that day). On the weekend there are **three Masses**: Saturday **4 p.m.** (Bilingual), Sunday **9 a.m.** Miminegash and **11 a.m.** Palmer Road with attendance of 50 people at each mass. Social distancing practices are still in effect at all masses. Please use hand sanitizer on the way in and out and we ask that you respect social distancing at all times. Although it is not mandatory at this time, please feel free to use a face mask if you wish. If you are not feeling well, please refrain from attending Mass.

Prayer of Pope Francis During the Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary,
you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.
You, Salvation of the Roman People,
know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.
Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother
of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in
trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and
blessed Virgin. Amen

**August 16, Take Out Meal and Palmer Road Picnic Elimination Draw are:
Sold Out events.**

Thank you to all those who purchased tickets for our meal and elimination draw; to our sponsors, and those who purchased multiple tickets in memory of a loved one. Also to those who organized these events and all those who sold tickets. We truly appreciate your support, dedication and hard work to help the parish, especially during these difficult times of Covid-19. May God Bless you all.

Volunteers

As everyone knows we are living in a different time since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. We are thankful that our Church is open again and we can have weekday masses as well as Sunday, even though attendance is limited to 50. Perhaps our biggest challenge in ensuring the safety of parishioners is the extra time it takes for sanitizing the Church following each mass. We have generous volunteers but even they sometimes need a break. If anyone would like to help we would be happy to have your assistance. Names and phone numbers need to be taken at all masses and the church is sanitized after each mass. It doesn't take long with two or three individuals helping, so if you have time and can help we would be most grateful. Please call or email the parish office (902-882-2622) or palmerroadparish@gmail.com to leave your name.

Diocesan News

Connolly Estate Bursaries: Applications accepted until August 31, 2020. Connolly Estate bursaries are open to residents of PEI who are full-time students enrolled in an undergraduate program at an accredited university. In addition, applicants must demonstrate that they are Roman Catholic, are Irish in heritage and have material financial need (parental income applies if applicant is under 22). College students who are completing a joint program/degree must be enrolled in the university portion of their studies to be eligible. Apply at www.owenconnollyestate.com by August 31st. Recent bursaries have been in the range of \$2,000/year, though they vary depending on market returns and the number of applicants. Bursaries are available for a maximum of four years.

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Three weekend Masses:

50 in attendance at each Mass

4 p.m. Saturday (Bilingual) Palmer Road
9 a.m. Sunday Miminegash
11 a.m. Sunday Palmer Road

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Monday: 17/08 9:00 a.m.
Rita Chaisson by Stella & Philip Gallant
Tuesday: 18/08 9:00 a.m.
Deceased family members of George Gallant
Wednesday: 19/08 9:00 a.m.
Barbara Keefe by Geraldine Shea
Thursday: 20/08 9:00 a.m.
John Carragher/Audrey Trembly by Nellie & Don
Friday: 21/08 No Mass

**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 23rd, 2020**

Saturday: 22/08 (Bilingual) 4:00 p.m.
For the People
Sunday: 23/08 (M) 9:00 a.m.
Auldine & Emmett Wedge by Phyllis Murphy
(PR) 11:00 a.m.
Audrey Arsenaault by PR Knights of Columbus

BULLETIN: Bulletin announcements accepted up to Tuesday at 12 Noon in written form or by email: palmerroadparish@gmail.com

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BAPTISMS: Baptisms are held by appointment as required. Please Contact the Parish Office for information and to make arrangements. (882-2622) or email: palmerroadparish@gmail.com

Please Note:
The weekday Mass : During this time of Covid-19, Weekday masses are still held even when there is a funeral the same day.
Please remember to include a phone number with your mass intentions. Thank you

Intention of the Holy Father, Pope Francis for August 2020

The Maritime World: We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.